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Microsoft Office is the most dominant office productivity software package in use today. Since Microsoft makes both the OS and the Applications they have full control of how the applications will run and also how they will be used.

Microsoft Office for windows has the following applications:

- Microsoft Word- A powerful word processing application
- Microsoft Excel- A spreadsheet application
- Microsoft Powerpoint- Presentation (slideshow) application
- Microsoft Access-database and database access application

One problem that is forcing companies into abandoning the Macintosh computing platform is that Office for Macintosh has only Word, Excel & Powerpoint. Access is not made for Macintosh. Microsoft rebuffs (annual) requests from the macintosh community saying "that there is not sufficient demand for them to write the software for this platform." They have even stopped other companies from writing a "compatible" program so that the Macintosh business users will gain this functionality. I strongly suggest that they will not include (or allow) this package to be made available to the Macintosh community to continue to push the business community to standardize on Windows and abandon all other platforms.

If the company were split into two independent units... the application group would release a powerful (full) version of Office for all Platforms. (Macintosh, UNIX, Linux...)

Thanks for listening

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